

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel the title of record and substitute the following new title therefor:

--METHOD OF CONCENTRATING PROCESSED VEGETABLE AND FRUIT PRODUCTS BY REVERSE OSMOSIS--

On page one of the application, after the Title of the Invention Section please add the following paragraph.

This application claims priority on Japanese patent application 2001-7529 filed January 16, 2001.

Paragraph starting at line 6 of page 1 is amended as follows:

This invention relates to a method of ~~and an apparatus for~~ concentrating processed vegetable and/or fruit products by reverse osmosis.

Paragraph starting at line 21 of page 2 is amended as follows:

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide a method ~~and apparatus~~ capable of concentrating by reverse osmosis a processed vegetable and/or fruit product containing solid components such that these originally contained solid components keep more or less their original forms.

Paragraph starting at line 1 of page 3 is deleted.

Paragraph starting at line 9 of page 3 is amended as follows:

This invention ~~also~~ relates to a method of concentrating a vegetable and/or fruit product by reverse osmosis by causing it to flow under a high-pressure condition to a concentration unit with a plurality of tubular membrane modules connected together, characterized by the steps of supplying the vegetable and/or fruit product to the tubular membrane modules through a single-axis eccentric screw pump connected on the inlet side of the concentration unit and discharging it after it has been concentrated by reverse osmosis through another single-axis eccentric screw pump connected on the outlet side of the concentration unit.

The abstract section is replaced with a new abstract section as provided on a separate sheet.